



COMMENTS FROM NOVEMBER 18, 2004 PUBLIC WORKSHOP



US 113 North / South Study

November 2004

Ellendale Area

• Ellendale Workshop Summary

- ▶ Written and map comments dealt, almost exclusively, with specific plan issues:
 - Raise and widen stream crossings to accommodate wildlife passage.
 - Move SB ramps at Rte. 213 overpass to minimize agricultural impacts.
 - Sharon's Road does not need to be cul-de-saced.
- ▶ One big picture comment suggested not finalizing a decision on the North/South until completion of the East/West Corridor study.
- ▶ Most significant non-specific issue: possible limited western bypass of US 113 in the immediate Ellendale Area.

• Ellendale Working Group Summary

- ▶ Comments dealt, almost exclusively, with specific plan issues:
 - Fleatown/Staytonville Road overpass of US 113 and its impact on properties on the north side of Fleatown Road.
 - The connection of VFW Road to US 113.
 - The impact to the businesses at the US 113 / Rte. 16 intersection with the construction of a grade separation.
- ▶ Big picture comments included:
 - agricultural vehicle access, particularly across US 113;
 - adding third lane and doing nothing else; credibility of Long Range traffic, growth and development projections;
 - timing;
 - Real Estate acquisition program;
 - development growth that would be encouraged by improving US 113;
 - doing this to get people to the beach faster at the expense of the locals;
 - need to plan now for the future.
- ▶ Most significant non-specific issues:
 - Ellendale Comp. Plan/OSPC desire for Ellendale not to grow west of US 113;
 - Rte. 213 is a more pressing issue for Ellendale than US 113.



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• Agency Summary

- ▶ The proposal south of Ellendale was great, the proposal north of Ellendale (including a grade separation with Route 16) involved doing too much, i.e. constructing two additional lanes in existing right-of-way on west side of US 113.
- ▶ Avoid taking wetlands wherever possible, alternatives to avoid and minimize wetland impacts will need to be evaluated. (Corps)
- ▶ Need to compare cost and impacts of purchasing properties versus building roadway improvements, such as frontage roads. (Corps)
- ▶ Need to consider widening on both sides, not just the side proposed and compare the impacts. (Corps)
- ▶ How does this concept fit in with CCP concept? New construction was not expected. (SHPO)
- ▶ Providing access roads will almost guarantee that development along them will occur. (SHPO)
- ▶ Need to develop an agreement with DeIDOT on how to handle historic properties purchased for the potential improvements. Refer to previous agreement developed for SR 1. (SHPO) Note; the referred to agreement has never been finalized.

• County

- ▶ DeIDOT's approach in the Ellendale Area is consistent with the County's expectations

• Overall Summary / Recommended Action

- ▶ Evaluate and recommend ways to get Road 213 improved in the near-term.
- ▶ Evaluate issues raised by Corps of Engineers north of Ellendale.
- ▶ Allow issues with Ellendale Comp. Plan to work themselves out. Suggest that limited bypass west of Ellendale and US 113 be the responsibility of the developers of the property since it appears to be their way of getting around the issues with OSPC. However, should it not come about DeIDOT's plan are to make improvements on the existing alignment.
- ▶ Develop recommended alternative for Working Group based on Option 2.
- ▶ Present recommended alternative to Working Group at next meeting.